











that is cut out the evil can generally be overcome. If the hens have been overfed they will show it by the lack of engorgement with which they eat new food. After you are satisfied that they have been fed too much, reduce the supply and add a little epsom salts to their drinking water for about four days. Grit or crushed oyster shells should be fed if want-of lime is the trouble.

**Storage House for Apples.**  
Replying to a correspondent who wanted to know how to construct a house for storing apples, the Country Gentleman gives the following advice: "A house for storing apples should be made as nearly air-tight as possible. Set the sills in mortar, and do it well. Let the floor be double, with sheathing paper between the two thicknesses of boards. Double-board the outside and use paper between. Cell up on the inside, filling in between with sawdust. Do not put in any windows unless they are covered with tight shutters. Should the weather at any time be warm, open the doors and windows at night, and close tightly in the morning. The main secret of keeping apples is an even temperature as near the freezing point as possible, not below it; keep them dry, and do not permit circulation of air."

**Destroying Cabbage Worms.**  
Farm Stock and Home gives the following method of destroying cabbage worms: "Simply sprinkle the flour of sulphur freely on the cabbage. Fill the cover of a baking powder can with small mesh holes, like a pepper box, fill the can with sulphur and use for a sprayer. Do not wait until the worms appear on the cabbage before applying it, but begin with it as soon as the first white butterflies are seen crawling over the cabbage patch. Immediately after a rain or while the cabbages are wet with dew sift sulphur over them, walk down among the leaves two or three times a week. If there is neither rain nor dew, wet the cabbage with a watering pot or sprinkle with a white wash and put of water as the cabbages must be wet so the sulphur will adhere to them. It destroys the eggs, also the worms. We never failed to have fine cabbages, free from worms, when all our neighbors who did not use our plan had their cabbages destroyed by worms."

**Seeds and Weeds.**  
English seed has more to do with the distribution of weeds than all other causes combined. These are brought into our farm from garden and field seeds from foreign countries. Russian flaxseed is responsible for the introduction of the Russian thistle, which first appeared upon a single farm, and now covers over forty square miles of the United States. Alfalfa, beet, turnip and other field and garden seeds imported from Europe are the main cause of the contamination of our lands with farm weeds. Nor are the farmers of this country at all particular in saving their seeds, fields containing weeds often being set aside for seed and grain, insuring the roughest seeds in many cases. And then, in the purchase of seeds, the farmer is not careful to buy pure seed only, but plants whatever some dealer offers him. Until these methods are done away with we must expect to have more pernicious weeds constantly appearing among our crops.

**Keeping Rab on Cows.**  
A sympathetic and accurate record of each and every cow in a dairy herd is valuable for many reasons. First, the owner determines which animal to retain and which to weed out. Every cow showing a deficient balance sheet under average conditions should be sent to the butcher at once. Second, it encourages accuracy and system. Third, it enables the feeder to judge the comparative value of different feeds. Fourth, if a cow is not doing properly, the fact is at once noticed on her milk sheet and the necessary changes may be made to restore the animal to her proper condition. Fifth, it furnishes a good way of checking careless or indifferent milkers. Sixth, it shows any irregularity, effect of early or late milking, effect of high or low temperature, effect of exposure to cold or storms and the effect of drinking ice-cold water. Last, and most important, the dairy milk record tells exactly each month just what the cows are doing. No dairy can be successfully conducted without it. Keeping an accurate record is one of the most important parts of the business.

**Growth of Blackish Animal Organism.**  
In many animals there are certain organs which, useful in their earlier stages, have apparently been so greatly developed as to become rather hindrances. The horns of certain deer, for example, useful weapons of defense when smaller, have become so large as to handicap the animal in the struggle for life. The huge overgrown teeth, or tusks, of certain of the bear family may be cited as further examples. These are sometimes explained as organs which have been more useful in their present state under former different conditions, and which have persisted through heredity. In the American Naturalist, however, Mr. F. B. Towns brings forward another explanation. He thinks the growth of such organs is due to what he calls "momentum in variation." As a variation proceeds in a certain direction, it acquires, like a body moving under the action of gravity, a momentum which may carry it past the stage of greatest utility. This factor in evolution, Mr. Towns thinks, has not been assigned the importance it deserves.

Other evolutionists, however, have suggested that when an animal or plant has once started to vary in a given direction, it acquires a tendency to go on varying in that direction. And this, although the word momentum is not used, agrees with the above theory.

**Planting Peach Trees.**  
As the result of experiments at the Massachusetts experiment station, the following would seem to be the best method of peach tree planting:

1. Prune peach trees moderately, removing not more than one-third to one-half the previous year's annual growth, when the wood has been injured by freezing.

2. When only the fruit buds are killed, the wood being uninjured and the trees in good condition, prune severely, cutting back the annual growth to two or three buds. It may be expedient to cut some branches back even to two or three-year-old wood.

**Cause of Soft-shell Eggs.**  
Hens that acquire the habit of laying soft-shell eggs should be watched very carefully in order to break them of it. There are two causes for soft eggs. One is feeding too much stimulating food; the other, not enough shell-forming material being furnished. Too much speed food and meat is generally found to be the chief cause, and if

## LEADING FACTS ABOUT THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

Population affected, 15,000,000. Stories abound of actual cannibalism. Flood area, about 40,000 square miles. People eating roots, leaves, bark of trees.

Seven million already helpless from famine. Fully 500,000 refugees at Tsing Kiang alone.

Mission orphanages full to overflowing with famine-writh. Houses gone. Were built of mud, and melted in the flood.

No work to do; business stagnated; no real relief in sight for months. Famine parents throw their children into the flood, and then commit suicide.

Fuel, sugar, millet and sorghum stocks being covered by mud. Coal mines flooded.

Children abandoned, tied so that they could not follow their desperate parents home.

Hordes breaking through the military cordon to get into the eastern cities to beg for food.

Household goods, farm implements, cattle all sold. Children being sold for \$2 or \$3 apiece.

Refugees fill boats so thickly that all must stand during voyage; no room to eat or to sleep.

All the dogs and sheep eaten; the chickens, too valuable to be eaten, sent to Shanghai markets.

Country districts in rebellion, the desperate people preferring to die by the sword rather than by starvation.

## NORTHWEST IS SNOW-BOUND.

**Great Drifts Block Traffic and Much Suffering Is Reported.**  
The Northwest is a prolific section of our great republic. For several years the summers have produced record-breaking crops and last season's yield is still largely in the hands of the farmer for the season that the railroads have been unable to handle it. In the winter it is not a question of harvesting wheat but of digging out of the snow. Last week practically all traffic was stopped in the Northwest and so far the conditions have not changed to any appreciable extent.

For several days not a train was moving west of Grand Forks, N. D., and the Soo line was out of business. The delays were not only in the Northwest, but in the East, too. The snow, being in some places higher than an ordinary house. In many places farmers were compelled to let themselves down from their second-story windows by ropes in order to begin the digging of paths to their stock houses. The snow having drifted above the doors and windows of the first stories of their houses. When the blizzard raged more than one farmer was out of business. The delay from house to house and from town to town. The cautious ones did not venture out into the blinding storm without ropes attached to their waists by means of which they could find their way back to warmth and comfort. All over Minnesota, North Dakota and other States trains were stalled for days, the tracks in many places being under eight feet of snow.

**Civic Federation Entertained.**  
The meeting of the National Civic Federation at the home of Mrs. Potter Palmer in Chicago, gave the representatives of labor and capital an unusual opportunity for intimate intercourse. Many of the humblest and poorest wage-earners thus shared in the banquet and the speaker's shock hands with them across the table. Of the 350 persons who accepted Mrs. Palmer's invitation, 200 were labor union officials, and the rest were prominent manufacturers or financiers.

The main object of the gathering was to explain the purpose of the National Civic Federation, with a view to establishing a branch in Chicago. The leaders of the federation tried to make the chamber of commerce was not a case of labor disputes, but that it was designed to give representative men on both sides an opportunity to get personally acquainted, so that with a better understanding of each other's interests, disputes could be settled without resorting to either arbitration or strikes. The main difficulty frequently is found to be that of bringing contending persons together in friendly conference.

Addresses were made by former Mayor Lee of New York, August Belmont, Grandmaster Stone of the Builders' Brotherhood, President Mahon of the street railroad men and several others.

**Possibilities of Salton Sea.**  
In view of the failure of all efforts to control the diversion of the Colorado river to form what is known as the Salton sea in southern California, Charles A. Byers of Los Angeles writes in the San Francisco Chronicle that the Salton sea, which is an artificial lake in Mexico to India, Cal., spreading over an area of 17,000 square miles, and have a maximum depth of 250 feet. It would be fed by irrigation canal intersecting the Colorado river near Yuma, Ariz., and its overflow would be carried into the gulf of California by the lower part of the same canal. Nevertheless it would take several years for the Colorado river to fill this vast below-sea area; but it would be possible for engineers to so change the lower section of the river bed that it would let in water from the gulf to assist in the lake's completion.

**Alexis Again in Power.**  
The resignation of Russia's reform administrator, Breshkevich, was coincident with the reappearance of Admiral Alexis, who was victor of the far east before the war with Japan, as a favorite of the Czar. Official statistics of the political revolution in Russia, last year show 1,202 persons were executed, 2,209 sent into penal servitude in the mines, 180 exiled to Siberia for life, 5,043 imprisoned, 692 newspapers suspended and 732 editors prosecuted.

**Beloshon to Try for Pole.**  
The Duke of Orleans has decided to send the exploring vessel, Belgica, to the east coast of Greenland next summer in order to assist the expedition of Mylius Erichsen, who started out last June to explore all the unknown places of the eastern shore, so as to disclose the exact shape of the island of Greenland, which is believed to be the largest in the world. Erichsen is starting a sleighing party about March 1 in the hope of reaching the north pole. Of the twenty-six men in his party all have scientific training except the two mechanics, the stoker, the steward, three sailors and two natives.

## Political Comment.

**Money in Campaigns.**  
The bill which has just passed the House to prohibit corporations from contributing to the funds of parties in political campaigns is certain to become a law. Last summer the Senate passed a bill on the same general line. The House bill makes one change in the Senate measure, and that proposes an increase in the penalty for violation. A quick agreement on the bill will be reached between the two branches. As the President, in several messages, has urged a law covering this ground, the bill will be promptly signed when he gets hold of it.

Under the bill as it has passed each branch, national banks and all other corporations organized by any law of Congress are forbidden to contribute money to be used in any canvass in which officials are to be elected. And corporations of all sorts, whether chartered by nation, state or municipality, are prohibited from giving any money in connection with an election in which presidential electors or members of either branch of Congress are to be voted for, or in which Legislatures are to be chosen, which will elect United States Senators. It is not easy to see how Congress could go any farther than this.

has now done in its work of shutting off the financial supplies from campaign managers, for the penalties prescribed for violation of the law are heavy, and they are to be dealt out to the giver and the receiver of the contributions.

This law will undoubtedly diminish the use of money in elections. As there are no good reasons to suppose the money which has been used heretofore was employed to corrupt the voters, the reform which this act will bring about, not be quite so large as its promoters imagine. Campaigns under the modern conditions cost a good deal of money.

Somebody has to put this money in. The legitimate expenses of running a canvass are necessarily heavy, and if the cash supply for paying the expenses of campaign managers, for sending out literature, and for putting spellbinders on the stump is cut off we will have to revert to the primitive methods of the intertribal days. Will this transformation improve politics? We are inclined to think that it will not.

Intermixed with the honesty of many of the advocates of this change there has been a good deal of demagoguery and hypocrisy in this crusade against campaign contributions to campaign funds. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**President and Tariff.**  
If the President had desired to open the tariff question he would not have hesitated to do so in his recent message. But we find one of the longest messages on record without a mention of the word tariff. One paper, the Des Moines Register and Leader, is of the opinion that the President suppressed his tariff views because of fear that some one would divert his other reforms if he opened the tariff. This is the most ignominious motive that has so far been attached to any one of the President's acts.

Mr. Roosevelt is not that sort of a coward. The tariff question simply makes him appear as a coward in order to sustain his own contentions on the tariff. Cady-Rapids Republican.

**Not Careful as to Facts.**  
If the opening chapter of Miss Ida M. Tarbell's serial on "The Tariff and Our Times," which appears in the American Magazine, is indicative of the spirit and purposes of the whole work, its measures may be taken without awaiting additional installments. Miss Tarbell is evidently a thoroughgoing "progressive." She displays about as much interest for the American system of protection as the average tariff ripper cares to confess. Her purpose is evidently to accuse and intensify popular feeling against protection, and in doing this she is not always careful as to her facts. Des Moines Capital.

**The Right Shogun.**  
Tom Hood once said that it was easy enough to frame a satisfactory tariff bill in your own mind, but when you came to frame it in Congress it was a different proposition. That is the situation exactly, and we had better be content with what we have rather than try to do to evils we know not of. Every one is prosperous, and attempted tariff revisions might prove disastrous and upset our whole kettle of fish. So for the present "Let well enough alone" would seem to be the real patriotic slogan on tariff matters. Melrose (Mass.) News.

**Limit.**  
The elderly man had evidently loved and lost out. "I suppose," he said, "that my gray hairs do not appeal to you."

"Oh, I respect the few gray hairs you have," rejoined she of the retort; "but somehow I am unable to generate any respect for your bald pate."

**Nothing to It.**  
Tragedian: And you say that dramatic critic roasted my acting? Why, I have proof that he was not even at the play.

Comedian: Then you should be thankful, old chap. Perhaps if he had been there he would have roasted it even worse.

**No Occasion for It.**  
Miss Aspin: Do you mean to say you weren't in church at all during the summer?

Miss Swellman: Of course I wasn't. A wedding in summer is an unheard-of thing in our set. Philadelphia Press.

**A Happy Ending.**  
Upon his knees he begged of her: "Oh be my wife, my darling, please!" Her answer you may all infer: "She answered him upon his knees. Philadelphia Press.

**In Job Lots.**  
"Mercy! Just think of the marriage fees a Mormon has to pay!" "Oh, probably the minister allows him excursion rates." Boston Transcript.

## AMERICAN MILCH COW

**SHE IS DRAINED FOR THE BENEFIT OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

**Enormous Sums of Money Sent Each Year by Foreign-Born Wage Earners in the United States to Needs of Relatives in Old Countries.**

The extent to which the American milch cow is drained for the benefit of foreign countries is made the subject of an interesting editorial in the New York Tribune. It would certainly seem that she is furnishing milk for all creation in increasing quantities. The American Economist has already shown that in the latest year ending June 30, 1904, the huge sum of \$3,017,507 went out of the United States in the shape of postal money orders payable abroad, and that the total of such orders issued in the seven last protection years, 1900 to 1906, inclusive, was \$24,148,082, against a total of \$12,580,538 for the eight former years from 1892 to 1899, inclusive, years made leader by free trade tariff legislation. Attention was also drawn to the fact that with the acquisition of money market in registered letters, in express money orders and in bank drafts of similar amounts the total sent back to Europe by our foreign-born wage earners would probably not fall far short of \$100,000,000 in 1904.

Even figures published by the Austro-Hungarian Colonial Society, it appears that in 1903 the remittances of Austrians and Hungarians settled in America amounted to \$23,000,000, while the gross value of Austro-Hungarian exports to America in the same year amounted to only \$9,000,000. It thus falls out that the poorly paid workers of Continental Europe yield a far greater profit to their former home countries after emigrating to the United States than if they had never emigrated.

It is, moreover, true as the Tribune points out, that a considerable percentage of our immigrants remain in this country only long enough to accumulate savings that will enable them to go back and spend the remainder of their lives in the mother land. All told, the money poured abroad and the money earned abroad by returning wage earners must amount to a rather formidable sum each year.

This sum must then be added to the already great bulk of one foreign dollar, which is paid as payments to foreign steamship companies for carrying American passengers and freight, estimated at \$200,000,000 a year, the interest and dividends on foreign investments in the United States, and the sums spent abroad by American tourists. When all these items of outgo are totaled up they reach a total so enormous as to seriously affect the question of national debts and credits.

They demonstrate the absolute necessity of protection trade balances against \$3,000,000,000 a year, representing our excess of exports over imports. If we bought where we sold, as the Tribune says, we would have no need of the tariff. But we do not, and we are forced to pay the balance of our foreign trade through the acceptance of larger imports in payment for our exports; if, for example, our \$7,750,000,000 of sales abroad were canceled by \$1,750,000,000 of purchases abroad, how would we then meet our foreign debt charges of at least \$100,000,000 a year? We could not meet them except by tapping into our pockets and deeper through bond issues to cover annual deficits.

As the case now stands, our protective tariff balance is ample to take care of our foreign liabilities, and to leave something over with which to buy back American securities held abroad. Instead of going deeper into debt, as we would inevitably be the case if we did not restrict competitive imports by a protective tariff, we are gradually paying one debt owed abroad, while at the same time continuously increasing our wealth at home.

The Tribune proposes no remedy for the heavy outflow of American money in the form of remittances abroad by wage earners of foreign birth. Nor do we know of any way to prevent foreigners from coming here and earning big wages and sending them back to their native land by registering immigration or prohibiting it altogether. In the present condition of the labor market, when three jobs are looking for two men, that remedy does not seem feasible.

Yes, there is another remedy. Reverse the tariff downward; approach a free-trade policy; reduce prices of commodities; reduce wages; and the \$100,000,000 annual remittances abroad by American wage earners will rapidly dwindle to one-quarter of that sum, or less. The tide of immigrants seeking work will also run away. But that, too, is a remedy which all extending free traders and "reformers" will shrink from applying. So it would seem that the American cow must continue to give milk to all mankind. Fortunately, through protection to American labor and industry, the cow has enough and to spare.

**Get Back at Him.**  
Newest advice you say anything that makes your wife angry what does she do—threaten to return to her parents?

Older: Worse than that. She repeats some of the fool things I said during our courtship.

**Heavy Front.**  
Knight: How did your new comedy go?

Wright: Oh, you mean my tragedy. Knight: But I thought it was a comedy?

Wright: I thought so, too, until I saw the box-office receipts.

**Received Assistance.**  
"He said he was going to propose to you and that he thought perhaps if he got embarrassed you would help him out."

"He was helped out, all right, but it was papa who helped him." Houston Post.

**At It Again.**  
He: What a lovely complexion Miss Flinchigh has!

She: Yes. That girl's a born artist.

## COURTESY SEEN IN SPAIN.

**Travelers Get Best Ideas While Journeying by Rail Third Class.**

The stranger can not perhaps more easily get a glimpse of the true and ancient Spain—that by acquiring the habit of traveling third class. The seats, indeed, are hard, but the company is usually excellent, charming in its manners and not offensive in any sense. Here a constant series of novel pictures is presented to the traveler, who may quietly study them at leisure. Perhaps it is a dozen merry girls on their way to a festival, packed tightly together and laden with packages; so, the more sedate among them wear mantillas, some bright handkerchiefs on their heads or go with hair uncovered, but however they are dressed, to whatever class they belong, they are all clean and sweet.

Or perhaps it is a less crowded carriage enters; there are two middle-class Spaniards, and a peasant group of three; a fat, jolly, middle-aged man in a peasant's costume, but clean and new, almost stylish; a woman of like age—one of those free, robust, kindly women whom Spain produces so often, and a pretty barbedog, evidently her daughter, though the man seems a friend of relative who is escorting them on their journey. By and by, when we have been some hours on our journey, he lifts from the seat in front of him the large, heavy, embroidered valise—the attache-case, which Spaniards were always anxious to keep well filled—unwinds it and draws out one of the great, flat, delicious Spanish leaves and throws it on the woman's lap.

Then a dish of stewed meat appears and the bread is cut in slices which serve as plates for the meat. But before the meal is begun the peasant turns round with a hearty "Gustas?" It is the invitation to share in the feast which every polite Spaniard must make even to strangers who happen to be present, and it is as a matter of course, politely refused. "Muchas gracias." Before long the black leather wine bottle is produced from the valise and the meal proceeds.

At its final stage some kind of sweetmeats and small fragments are offered to the two middle-class Spaniards, and then with a slight, half movement, expressing a fine courtesy restrained by the fear of offering an offensive attention to the foreign caballero also. It is not improper to accept this time and now the waiter but the is handed round and the middle-class Spaniards avail themselves of it, though with awkward unfamiliarity. Atlantic Monthly.

**THE AMEER OF AFGHANISTAN.**

British India has been doing honor to a royal visitor from beyond the northwest frontier, who bears the name of Habibullah Khan and who is a member of the royal family of Afghanistan, which acts as a buffer between Russia and Britain.

The Ameers is thirty-five years of age, and succeeded his father, Abdur Rahman Khan, in 1901. His crown is not

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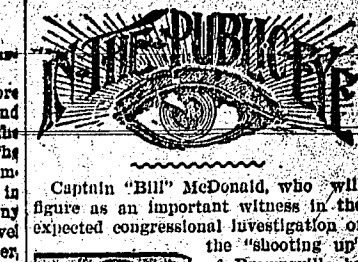
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Captain "Bill" McDonald, who will figure as an important witness in the expected congressional investigation of the "shooting up" of Brownsville by soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, has been a Texas Ranger for over twenty years and is captain of the Rangers in the Brownsville district. It was Captain McDonald who arrested the soldiers who, as alleged, actually perpetrated the outrage, and who later, upon demand of the military commander turned the accused men over to him. McDonald is one of the noted characters of the Southwest. He has been in many desperate encounters and his body is scarred with bullet wounds. His own revolver, however, bears scores of "netches," but the victims of his daring aim had all been lawbreakers.

Francis J. Heney, who is one of the leading figures in the San Francisco graft investigation, is the attorney who was selected by Attorney General Moody to represent the government in the Oregon land swindle cases. His activity led to the indictment and conviction of the late Senator, Mitchell, and other political figures. Now he has added to his reputation by collecting evidence against the alleged grafters of San Francisco.

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W. H. Langdon. Although he was removed by the administration forces, the news decided that the action was illegal.

Capt. Thomas Penabaz, who commanded the transport Sheridan when it ran on a reef off Hawaii last summer, has been suspended for six months.

John W. Riddle, the new ambassador to Russia, is a native of Philadelphia and graduated from Harvard. Mr. Riddle began his diplomatic career as secretary of the American legation to Turkey, a position he held for six years. Then for two years Mr. Riddle was secretary of the American embassy at St. Petersburg, a post for which he was specially fitted on account of his facility in the Russian language. After two more years as diplomatic agent and consul general in Egypt he was appointed to the Servian mission.



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### REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

LANSING, MICH., Jan. 1, 1907.

To the Republican Electors of the State of Michigan.

The State Convention of the Republicans of Michigan is hereby called to meet in the City of Grand Rapids on THURSDAY, FEB. 14, 1907.

at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of nominating two candidates for Regent of the University, one candidate for Member of the State Board of Education and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

In accordance with the provisions of law and the action of the State Central Committee, every county will be entitled to one delegate for each three hundred of the total vote cast therein for the Republican candidate for Governor at the last election and one additional delegate for a majority of 151 voter or more.

Under the resolution of 1888, no delegate will be entitled to a seat in the state convention who does not reside in the county he proposes to represent.

The delegates from the several counties in each congressional district are requested to meet in district caucuses at ten o'clock a. m. on the day of the state convention and elect officers as follows, to be presented to the state convention for confirmation:

1. One Vice President.
2. One Assistant Secretary.
3. One member of the committee on Credentials.
4. One member of the committee on Permanent Organization and Order of business.
5. One member of the committee on Resolutions.

In compliance with the resolution adopted in Detroit June 25, 1890, the secretary of each county convention is urged to the Secretary of the State Central Committee at Lansing, by the earliest mail after the delegates to the state convention are chosen, a certified list of delegates to the state convention from his county, and the chairman of each county delegation is requested to deliver the credentials of his delegation to the member of the Committee on Credentials at his district caucuses.

GARRETT HENKLEY, Chairman.

DENNIS E. ALWARD, Secretary.

Crawford County is entitled to two delegates.

Attorney General Beal has commenced suit in behalf of the state of Michigan against the Carnegie Steel Company of America for \$4,000,000, representing a penalty of \$100,000 a month for sixty-one months charged against that organization for failing to file its articles of incorporation and to otherwise comply with the laws of the state. If this suit shall be decided in the state's favor, and the attorney general will make a strenuous effort to have it so decided, there will be further large additions to the funds in the state treasury provided through the enforcement of existing penalties. In any event it will be a matter of importance to the state to have the possibility of the collection of such penalties fully determined.

One duty of the present legislature will be the rearrangement of the senate districts in a more equitable apportionment than the present. The members of the senate at last were elected under the apportionment of 1895, which was a re-enactment of that of 1892, because of the amendment by the supreme court last year of the act of 1905, which was a re-enactment of the apportionment of 1901. Thus the districts as at present existing are fifteen years old, and of course great inequalities in population have arisen. The first district, in the city of Detroit for instance, has 116,033 population by the census of 1904 while the fifteenth, composed of Barry and Eaton counties, has but 22,751. The nineteenth, embracing Calhoun and Kalamazoo, right alongside of this one, has 102,785. The fourth, in Wayne county, has 108,434 and the nineteenth, Clinton and Genio, 55,744. There are five members of the present senate representing each over one hundred thousand people, and five others representing each less than sixty-four thousand. The proportion is between seventy-nine and eighty thousand. Senator Peck of Jackson is chairman of the senate committee on apportionments, and Representative Prosser of Genesee is chairman of the house committee. There will need to be a rearrangement of representative districts to some extent, also, as inequalities here are about as great as in the other case. The apportionment of these districts by the last legislature was not attacked in the court, and was not disturbed; but it was the arrangement of 1901 re-enacted, and fails now to afford so fair a division as it should, and a bill will be prepared to give one more member of Wayne county, and reduce some other of the present inequalities. The ratio for representatives is 25,300, and the present districts vary from fifteen thousand to forty-six thousand.

Senator Ming of Cheboygan has introduced his anti-cigarette bill, which he pushed unsuccessfully two years ago when he was a member of the house; and Representative Dickinson of Charlotte has introduced a similar one in the house. Senator Russell of Kent has introduced one to authorize boards of supervisors to make contracts for the cure of drunkenness, morphine and cigarette habits and the like, and providing that persons so addicted may upon third arrest be sent to an institution for treatment, instead of sending them to jail.

Almost within the last ten years the number in attendance at the University of Michigan have doubled. According to the calendars, the actual figures for 1890 are 2,155 students, and for 1897, or just ten years ago, this coming June, 2,975 students. The present year we shall have a total of 3,800 at least, and it is more than probable that it will be 5,000 in another twelve months. Since the quarter mill tax was granted in 1899 the number of students has increased 1,600, or about 55% per cent.

The United States Commissioner of Education has just issued a preliminary report, in which are found some significant figures. During the past year there were enrolled in the public schools of the country, including pupils, as against 1,418,322 in private and parochial schools of all kinds. Twenty-five years ago the expenditure for public schools amounted to \$1.30 per capita of population; in 1905 it was \$3.42. Within fifteen years, school property has more than doubled in value. The public school in America has filled and will continue to fill a large place in the life of the nation.

After three years of hard fighting Rep. Lord of Michigan has succeeded in getting the naval appropriation bill a provision which will probably save the government enough money each year to build a battleship. Rep. Lord always has protested that money was wasted in the government ship yards because of the jealousies of the officers of bureaus who insist on having separate plants. Lord has succeeded in getting a provision in the naval bill for an investigation of conditions by two naval officers and three civilians. It is admitted that this will result in a consolidation of shipyards and in a saving of millions of dollars without hampering the work. Detroit Journal.

The questioners that is, some of them, want a law requiring a \$25 fine for the privilege of conducting public sales. They held a meeting here a few days ago, calling themselves the Michigan Auctioneers Association, and decide to ask for such a law. In the belief that it would shut out a class of crooks who are willing to do business for less pay than some of them want. This is a method of stifling competition in business which is becoming quite the thing nowadays. We pass laws to forbid railroads from charging more than a certain rate, and pass laws to restrain others from charging less than a certain rate; we pass laws to create privileged classes with the exclusive right to conduct various business in restraint of trade, and sometimes we do more than we mean and regulating them is good for us.

On January 9, John A. Johnson was for the second time inaugurated as governor of Minnesota. His message contained some strong recommendations which, if carried out, will work to the great advantage of the state and people. His recommendations of iron mines on a tonnage basis, increased taxation for express and sleeping car companies, payment of railroad taxes communitarily, taxation of telephone companies on interstate business, further reduction of freight rates, and a two-cent passenger fare law, a reciprocal damage law, orders of railroad commission to take effect at once regardless of appeal, private banks abolished, through investigation of the lumber trust, primary law amended, but not to include state officers, fellow-servant liability rule to be abolished, state to conform with uniform divorce law plans, Mueller law of Illinois to be adopted to aid municipal ownership, revision of pure food laws, lobbyists to be required to register and make all arguments before committees.

The Congressional committee appointed to investigate the labor question at Panama has returned from its labors and reports that President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft are warring in declaring that Chinese labor would be needed to complete the ditch. Every member of the committee is opposed to importing Chinese men to labor on the canal, saying that it is not only unnecessary but not advisable. Spanish laborers have been found efficient, and they are being secured in increasing numbers. A famine in the northern part of Spain has made it easy to secure workers at 30 cents an hour, an almost unheard-of wage in that section. Sixteen hundred Spanish laborers are now en route to Panama. Labor from Spain, Italy, Martinique, the Barbadoes and Jamaica is becoming more plentiful and as long as laborers from these places can be kept coming it will not be necessary to call upon China. At present there are about 7,000 laborers on the canal, and 15,000 more are needed. Jackson Smith, manager of labor headquarters, says it is necessary to have 30,000 laborers on the isthmus if 15,000 are to be kept at work, the desertions being so numerous.

## Heart O' My Heart

Heart o' my Heart as the day is done  
Homeward I turn to thee,  
Knowing full well at the setting sun  
Love waits to welcome me.  
Weary my feet, but I haste away  
After the toil is through,  
Eager to see and eager to be  
Heart o' My Heart, with you.

Heart o' My Heart we take our way  
On through the fleeting years;  
Snows of winter and rains of May,  
Never with doubts or fears.  
Smoother the path to my tired feet,  
Brighter the skies of blue;  
Sweeter the rest in the snug home nest,  
Heart o' My Heart, with you.

Heart o' My Heart, come good, come ill,  
Stormy the weather, or bright,  
Gleanings of love your dear eyes fill,  
Shining by day or night,  
Onward I go, your hand in mine,  
Strong in your love so true;  
Fair as the rose now the old world grows,  
Heart o' My Heart, with you.

Heart o' My Heart, we side by side  
Wander on love's highway;  
Hand in hand whatever betide,  
Trusting, let come what may,  
Slowly the sun dips in the west,  
Still I my way pursue  
On to the goal of the weary soul,  
Heart o' My Heart, with you.

W. M. M.

## Train Buried in Snow.

Twice buried in mountains of snow their train stalled for twenty-four hours, with their food supplies exhausted, with heat in only one car, the passengers of the Great Northern Oriental limited train from the Pacific coast passed a vote of appreciation of the heroic efforts of the train crew in safe guarding them and on their arrival at Minneapolis, Minn., they delivered a letter of thanks to A. L. Craig, passenger traffic manager of the road.

A. V. Swanhurst, an employee of the post-office department at Washington, D.C., who boarded the train at Kalispell, Mont., said:

"We were twice stranded in snow drifts, first at Minnegan, Mont., for about fourteen hours, and then about a mile west of Gifford, Mont., for about twenty-four hours. The blizzard was at its height, blowing fifty miles an hour and turning the fine snow of the plains against our train until every coach was banked in nearly to the top. The engine had tugged into the drift as far as it could go, leaving only the top of the smoke stack visible, and even that was soon lost from view. It was bitter cold, probably below zero.

"There we were, within a mile of a station, unable to move a wheel. The water in the engine gave out, and the fire had to be dragged. With the dead engine buried in the snow, and the coaches rapidly disappearing in the drift which was growing higher every minute, the train crew became alarmed. Lost the train which had been following us all the way might rush on to the almost hidden train.

Daily reports coming from North Dakota telling of the exhaustion of fuel. The railroads have failed to supply many of the towns, and the coal problem is again assuming great seriousness. Inability of the railroads to keep traffic moving, has complicated much the cause, and today threatened with immediate exhaustion of fuel are facing a menace of grave proportions.

Following is a telegram from Lawton, giving an example of the situation that prevails in many North Dakota towns:

"All fuel of every description exhausted. Must have relief immediately. Another telegram from New Rock, La., reads:

"Must have aid at once. No fuel for ten days. No groceries for over three weeks. Cars of fuel on road for six weeks not received. People are suffering."

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## Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.  
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the village of Grayling in said county, on the 13th day of February, A. D. 1907.  
Present, Hon. Wellington Batterson, Judge of Probate.  
In the matter of the estate of Daisy Crotau, deceased. Amanda Tyler having filed in said court her petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said court, be admitted to probate and the administration with the Will annexed of said estate be granted to Marius Hanson of the Village of Grayling or to some other suitable person.  
It is ordered, that the Fifth day of March, A. D. 1907, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed, for hearing said petition.  
It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day, in the forenoon, at said probate office, in a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.  
[A true copy.]  
WELLINGTON BATTESSON,  
Judge of Probate.

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## Additional Local Matter

Coming Tuesday evening February 12, 1907, the Herald Square Moving Picture Company, will present at the Opera House, the latest, most sensational and startling moving pictures that has ever been produced here. The entertainment will also include the illustrated Song Features. They come highly recommended. Admission 15, 25 and 35 cents. Reserved seats will be on sale at the Central Drug Store.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Crawford County Farmers Telephone Co. Dr. S. N. Hixley, Frank Lowe, John Love, J. J. Colton, and Chris. Nichols were elected trustees for the ensuing year. A committee was instructed to induce those share-holders who hold less than three shares to increase their holdings to that number, which would give an amount more than sufficient to meet all present obligations and have several hundred dollars left for improvements. If that plan fails an assessment will be levied to wipe out the present debt.

Last year some of our farmers found that clover seed was a very profitable product to raise to market. It was thoroughly demonstrated that it can be raised here in Crawford county as well as anywhere in Michigan. An article is going the rounds of some of the papers down in the "Thru-b" to the effect that a farmer in Tuscola county threshed 22 bushels of clover seed from clover which grew on 10 acres of land. He drew the seed to market in one load and got \$6.75 per bushel or \$148.50. He also sold 15 tons of chaff at \$5.00 a ton which brought the total of the cash product of 10 acres to \$728.50.

A fatal accident occurred Wednesday afternoon, when Daniel Brado was killed. He with several others, who are working for James Yuell, were out cutting trees on Will Turner's farm. Mr. Brado and George Barnes had a leaning tree ready to fall and were moving out of the way when the tree split. The upper half flew backward striking Mr. Brado in the back, killing him instantly. Had he gone a foot farther he would have escaped. Mr. Brado was an old pioneer, an old soldier and a respected citizen. On Feb. 1st he would have been 66 years old. He leaves a widow, two daughters, Ada and Mrs. James Turner, and four sons, Will, Henry, Ellery, and Daniel, Jr., to mourn his loss. The family have the sympathy of the entire community. Otsego County Herald.

## Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath, Febr. 10th.  
10.30 a. m. Preaching.  
The pastor will preach a five minute sermon every Sunday Morning to the children.  
11.30 a. m. Sabbath School.  
6 p. m. C. E. Meeting. Topics: Lessons from the Bible. The first considered is Noah. Mr. J. V. White is the leader.  
7 p. m. Preaching.  
7 p. m. Wednesday evening, midweek prayer meeting.  
All are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

## Methodist Church.

Quarterly meeting next Sunday, in the morning Rev. L. N. Moon P. E. will preach and hold the Communion services of the church.  
In the evening the pastor Rev. E. W. Frazee will give his lecture on Abraham Lincoln, the second lecture in the course of three patriotic and historical lectures on "The Three Great Americans."

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## Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, FEB. 7

### Local and Neighborhood News.

#### Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year IN ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want your money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

#### READER!

Please look at the date after the address on this paper, and see if it is followed by a X. If so, your subscription is due, unless I have made a mistake in my book-keeping. If I have, please notify me at once. If I am right send me your dollar. It will not be much to you, but 800 of them will be a lot to me and will make my creditors happy. DO NOT put it off, but do it NOW.

Valentines at Fournier's.

Born, Feb. 1st to Mr. and Mrs. M. Laurent, a son.

Valentines at prices that will make you gasp. J. W. SORENSON.

A good new milch cow for sale. Enquire at this office.

Up-to-date dressmaking at Mrs. Geo. Young, Next door to Frank Tetu's.

Our value in Valentines can not be equaled. J. W. SORENSON.

Mercury was registered at eighteen degrees below zero, Monday morning.

Souvenir Valentine Postal Cards at Fournier's Drug Store.

Go to C. J. Hathaway for scientific optical work. Eyes examined free.

Highest market price paid for hides. P. M. BROS.

Mrs. J. H. Leighton is visiting in Ohio.

25 lb. pairs of International Stock Feed \$3.00 at Fournier's Drug Store.

One-fourth off on all Ladies' Muslin Underwear and Skirts, for thirty days at S. H. & Co's store.

Fine watch repairing done at Hathaway's.

Our prices on Valentines sell them. Call and see. J. W. SORENSON.

Mrs. J. J. Colten was the lucky one to draw the center piece made by Mrs. Flagg, and raffled last week.

A few Harrison sleighs left, light and heavy. Price low to close them out. O. PALMER.

Cold blankets will cure your cold try it. For sale at Fournier's Drug Store.

E. N. Salling is in town this week, looking over business and visiting old friends.

Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next years reading at once.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the Avalanche office.

Last Saturday the mercury registered at 33° at 10 o'clock A. M. and at 7 P. M. it was down to zero where it remained till morning.

To our advance paid subscribers we will send the New York Tribune Farmer for 50 cents. Regular price \$1.00 and worth five to any progressive farmer.

All classes of printing paper has again advanced in price. It makes the publishers think hard about a paper trust.

One-fourth off on all Ladies' Muslin Underwear and Skirts, for thirty days at S. H. & Co's store.

The Clio Star is dead, aged 23 years. Cause, lack of appreciation by local merchants. This speaks badly for the town.

A. B. Failing has got out of the cold having gone to Monroe Louisiana to look over his proposed situation with the Grayling Lumber Co. in that city.

Ladies, whose husbands subscribe for the AVANTAGE, can get the NEW IDEAL MAGAZINE for 40 cents a year. It is the leader for the work in the home, in fashion and style, and full instruction.

There are 16,000 weekly newspapers in the United States with a combined circulation of 31,000,000 and there are 2,200 dailies with a combined circulation of 15,000,000.

Saturday was "Ground Hog Day," and the brute did not find a ray of sunshine here to make a shadow, so according to the old rule, spring is near. We shall look for it in about two months.

The patent office man says that 1906 was the greatest year on record for inventions and yet nothing has been brought out to supply the place of brains for the man who won't shut the door.

Wilson Hickey returned last week from a visit to his former home in the south part of the state. He met many of his boyhood friends and had a most enjoyable time, but he was glad to get back to the land of good water and air—Roscommon News.

Fresh butter and eggs just received from the country.

H. PETERSEN.

FOR SALE—A new milch Jersey cow with her calf. Price \$36.00. Inquire at this office.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Ladies' aid will meet at the Parsonage, Feb. 8th, at 2:30 sharp. Please be prompt.

Mrs. A. B. Failing and the baby accompanied A. B. on his journey south as far as Dayton, Ohio, where she will visit with her sister Bessie and the new boy.

A club has been formed at Adrian for the purpose of pushing the candidacy of George B. Horton, master of the State Grange, for the republican nomination of governor in 1908.

If you want a Dinner Set absolutely free, call at the store of Salling, Hanson and Company.

FOR SALE—Four vacant village lots in Brink's addition and a lake row boat with stove and furniture. Call on Mrs. Fred Miller, on south side of the river. feb7-1w

D. Trotter of Toledo was in town the first of the week, looking for lumber, as usual but took time to say "Howdy" to old friends. They have moved their home from Superior St. to 1101 Lincoln Ave.

At Miss Williams store commencing Monday, Feb. 4th, there will be a general sale of childrens caps, baby hoods, ladies and childrens hats, lace etc. at greatly reduced prices. Come and see. You may find just what you want at about half price.

On Friday evening Feb. 8th there will be a social and 10 cent lunch at the Methodist Parsonage, given by the Ladies Aid. Mr. and Mrs. Prazee extend a cordial invitation to the people of Grayling to come and meet them in their home. Lunch from five o'clock.

One-fourth off on all Ladies' Muslin Underwear and Skirts, for thirty days at S. H. & Co's store.

Coming Feb. 19th, Old Plantation Quartet. The High School was disappointed in not being able to get the fifth number on the course last spring but have booked the "Old Plantation Quartet" at a higher price. They come highly recommended and it is hoped that they will please our people.

Another fire at Grayling a few days ago, cost Laur Bros. over a thousand dollars in grain &c. in their warehouse. We have not learned the particulars, but it is claimed their new water supply is all right and will soon save its cost in the saving of property.

Mr. and Mrs. Prazee extend a cordial invitation to the people of Grayling to meet them in their home on Friday evening, at the Ladies' Aid Social, at the parsonage. A ten cent lunch will be served from five to nine o'clock.

William Alden Smith was almost unanimously elected U. S. senator at dinner when the house met last Tuesday. Most of the Democratic members gave honorary votes to Thomas E. Barkworth of Jackson. There was no caucus of Republican members. Ex-Gov. Rich asked his friends to vote for Mr. Smith.

Slender is a blighting siren—the base foul, cloven footed slander—like the foal-some word leaves a path covered with slime. How truthful it has been said: "Living he is a travesty, pest and worse, dying impotent, his soul too deeply stained for hell." How often do we hear the slanderer's tongue warbling his song of disgrace on our streets.

Avenhold, Ohio—We had a large and appreciative audience. Not one person there but enjoyed it immensely. We don't often hear a quartet which has four stars, usually there is only one, but the Old Plantation Quartet has four. Every number was fine and we think it better than any number we have had in the past two years. If the other numbers are equal to the Quartet we shall certainly be more than pleased with our course—Ella Winkler.

Alliance, Ohio—Interest and attention were at their height as the bass soloist, E. S. Thomas came on for his number. He has a commanding presence and when he to his opening song "The Robber's Dream" with "Roared in the Cradle of the Deep," the audience was quietness complete to hear the attacking of the low tones which make this song a masterpiece. Mr. Thomas plainly and with apparent ease produced the full round tones, and received the ovation accorded finished musicians. Leader.

Candy Matinee Daily.

The managers of the Herald Square Moving Pictures make a special feature of their children's candy matinee, which they give daily just after school on school days and at the regular time on Saturdays.

The program for these is arranged especially for the youngsters, including "Fairyland," "Puss in Boots" etc. This latter is peculiarly the most interesting picture ever made for the little folks. The hunting expedition of Pinocchio, surprising the rabbits at their lawn dance, etc., make them wild with delight.

Then the package of choice candy which is presented to every child at the close of the matinee, is an innovation which always meets with their hearty approval.

Don't forget to attend the Candy Matinee given daily by the Herald Square Moving Picture Company.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

[OFFICIAL.]

Grayling, Feb. 4, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council convened at the Court House, E. E. Edin, President in the chair. Present: Trustees Fournier, Petersen, Amidon, and McCullough. Absent: Michelson and Connine. Meeting called to order by the President.

Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

Moved and supported, that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted and orders drawn for the several amounts. Motion carried.

#### REPORT.

To the Hon. President and members of Common Council of the village of Grayling:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, would recommend, that the following bills be allowed, as follows:

NAME.	CLAM'D.	ALLOW'D.
1. Hugh Oaks	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.75
2. Grayling Elec. Co.	63.40	63.40
3. John S. Harrington	6.00	6.00

[Signed]

C. C. McCULLOUGH.

H. PETERSEN.

Moved and supported, that Charles Amidon, R. D. Connine and L. Fournier, be appointed election commissioners. Motion carried.

Moved and supported, that trustees Amidon and Petersen be elected as a committee of the Board of Registration, Michigan, to be held at Grayling, Michigan, on Feb. 11th, 1907. Motion carried.

Moved and supported, that L. Fournier and Charles Amidon be appointed Election Inspectors. Motion carried.

On motion the Council adjourned.

H. P. OLSON.

Village Clerk.

#### Told in a few words.

Charles Casselton, of Cumberland, Wyoming, says he had the worst cough a man ever had and cured it in a few days with Dr. Warner's White Wine of Tar. For sale at Central Drug Store.

#### Shooting Affray.

A shooting affray at Roscommon, last Friday, has created quite an excitement in that sleepy town. From reports it appears that S. F. Decker had sold a small farm to an Italian from Chicago, named Monaco, getting a fictitious value therefor, such as is being put on such lands by speculators in that county and had taken back a mortgage for part of the purchase price. On taking possession of the property Monaco discovered that he was badly sold and there has been several "chewing matches" between the parties. They met in a saloon Friday and renewed their words during which the Italian called Decker a liar and had his face promptly slapped for the words. After this Decker was leaving the saloon, Monaco drew a revolver and fired three shots, the first taking effect in the ceiling, the second hitting a bystander, Henry Golia, in the leg, and the third hitting Decker in the back, under the left shoulder blade, passing around his side and lodging in front over the stomach. Monaco went to his house and took a dose of poison, but was taken in by the deputy sheriff and a posse who had followed him, and saved by a doctor. Decker was thought to have been dangerously wounded and the complaint was withheld to await the outcome, but he is now said to be out of danger, and that Monaco will be held for assault with intent to commit the crime of murder.

#### Prevent Colds and Rheumatism.

You do not have one natural, easy movement of the body without the help of the muscles of your system to colds and rheumatism. Laxative for the bowels, and the lungs, and the joints, so that they do the work nature intended.

#### Features Worthy of Consideration.

Aside from the fact that the Herald Square Moving Pictures embody the very latest and best subjects to be had in the Moving Picture world, there are other interesting to the theatre-goer.

They are guaranteed to be perfectly steady and distinct, without the usual flicker which is so trying to the eye.

The machine is made absolutely fireproof, thereby eliminating this source of annoyance. There are no intermissions during which restless individuals, under various pretexts, climb over those who prefer to retain their seats, coming back with a rush, when once begun, continues smoothly to the end.

Those who enjoy a spicy yet in every way a clean entertainment, will do well to secure seats early when the Herald Square Moving Pictures are offered.

#### Consumption Cure.

Warner's White Wine of Tar Syrup, the best cough remedy on earth, cures a cold in one day if taken in time. For sale at Central Drug Store.

The railroad which we mentioned last week as to be built and a showing of its falling into our town, seems to be coming right along our way. A letter received from New York City last Monday seems to hit the spot. The concern has been named "The Peninsula Electric Railway and Power Co." and propose to run their line from Stratford in Milwaukee Co., to Alpena, probably from here to Tecumseh, Vienna, Atanta, Hillman, and Alpena. This will give connection west to the Lake with the W. M. R. R. and with that road and the G. & I. to Grand Rapids and Chicago.

The names of E. E. Richards & Co., and George P. Ladd of New York City are sufficient for all financial backing that may be needed and we hope they will be able to publish the fact that the proposed road will be built, as it will if they say so.

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All are requested to call and compare us with others.

## Sorenson's Furniture Store.



### Mo-Ka COFFEE

Is on the boom. Sales this year are 50 per cent greater than any former year. The people are beginning to realize that it is not necessary to pay a high price in order to get high quality coffee. That's the reason they are buying MO-KA. If you haven't tried it ask your Grocer.

#### Hunting for Trouble.

"I've lived in California 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Bucklen's America Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walter of Alleghany, N. Y. "I've tried many things, but Mr. Walters' it cures every case. Guaranteed at L. Fournier's drug store. Price 25c."

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to widows and orphans the sum of \$1,105,000.88, and to Total and Permanent and Old age disability members the sum of \$30,795.00. Since its organization in 1891 the order has paid out the magnificent sum of \$11,486,238.93. There is a cash balance of \$373,560.07 in the life benefit fund.

#### A Valuable Lesson.

"Six years ago I learned a valuable lesson," writes John Pleasant of Macomb, Ind. "I then began taking Dr. King's New Life Pills, and the longer I take them the better I find them. They please everybody. Guaranteed at L. Fournier's drug store 25c."

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#### A Whole Family.

Rev. L. A. Dunlap, Mount Vernon, Mo., says: "My children were afflicted with a complaint resulting from measles, any wife with a cough, that had prevented her sleeping more or less for five years, and Warner's White Wine of Tar has cured them all." For sale at Central Drug Store.

#### The Best Laxative for Children.

Parents should not fail to get this for their children. It does not do the child with salts or griping pills, as many laxatives do. It is a natural, easy movement of the bowels, and the lungs, and the joints, so that they do the work nature intended. It is a natural, easy movement of the bowels, and the lungs, and the joints, so that they do the work nature intended. It is a natural, easy movement of the bowels, and the lungs, and the joints, so that they do the work nature intended.

#### There will be an annual eclipse of the sun July 10, visible in all North America and parts of Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and just at sunset on the west coast of Africa.

#### An Ideal Laxative.

Physicians should not fail to get this for their patients. It does not do the patient with salts or griping pills, as many laxatives do. It is a natural, easy movement of the bowels, and the lungs, and the joints, so that they do the work nature intended. It is a natural, easy movement of the bowels, and the lungs, and the joints, so that they do the work nature intended.

## Final Clearance Sale

of all winter wearables, and heavy weight goods.

We have just got through taking inventory and find that we still have more merchandise than we want to carry.

There is still two months of solid winter weather, and all goods are as desirable now, if not more so, than earlier in the season.

Your opportunity to buy strictly seasonable goods at tremendous saving. Every article of wearing apparel or winter weight goods, specially marked down.

Still Deeper Cut in Mens' Suits and Overcoats.	All wool Blankets at 1-4 off regular prices
1-3 off on all Mens' Overcoats and Reefers.	Sheet Blankets, all sizes at 10 per cent. off.
1-4 off on all Mens' heavy weight Suits.	Comfortables, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 grades, at 1-4 off.
1-4 off on all Boys' Suits, Boys' and Overcoats.	Felt Shoes and Slippers, will be sold at cost.
1-3 off on all Ladies', Misses and childrens' Coats and Jackets.	Childrens' Bearskins Caps \$1.00 quality for \$1.25 quality for 75c 50 cents fur for 35c
1-2 off on Ladies and Childrens' Furs.	

Ladies' heavy fleeced Underwear 50 cent quality for 35 cents.

Full Price for all Charged Goods.

## Grayling Mercantile Co.,

## Central Drug Store

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## DANGER!

### Do Not Neglect Your Eyes

NOW, after the Xmas rush, spend a few moments in finding out the condition of your eyes.

Bring in the Children. It is IMPORTANT that their eyes be properly looked after by some competent who can at any time examine and make any and all changes necessary in glasses when prescribed.

Do not endanger not only their sight but their health as well by allowing someone not qualified to experiment on them. It costs you nothing to find out. Remember we guarantee a fit.

All Xmas goods still on hand at reduced prices. A large stock of jewelry to select from at all times.

Watch and jewelry repairing promptly and properly done.

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**Figure 6.** The effect of the number of iterations on the accuracy of the proposed algorithm. The results are averaged over 10 trials.









